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SUBJ: JRG COMMUNIQUE ON MEETINGS WITH U.S. DELEGATION

1. LATE DECEMBER 8 THE REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNING JUNTA (JRG) ISSUED THE FOLLOWING COMMUNIQUE WITH REGARD TO ITS MEETINGS WITH THE U.S. DELEGATION IN SAN SALVADOR HEADED BY MR. ROGERS AND AMBASSADOR BOWDLER.

2. BEGIN TEXT
THE REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNING JUNTA TODAY RECEIVED AT THE CASA PRESIDENCIAL A SPECIAL MISSION OF THE UNITED STATES THAT HAS ARRIVED IN THE COUNTRY TO OBTAIN INFORMATION COCGRGMCCGATHE MURDER OF THREE NORTH AMERICAN RELIGIOUS AND A SECULAR MISSIONARY, PERPETRATED LAST WEEK BY TERRORISTS OF THE EXTREME RIGHT. THE MISSION IS MADE UP OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR INTER-AMERICAN AFFAIRS WILLIAM P. BOWDLER, FORMER ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE WILLIAM ROGERS, AND MR. LUIGI EINAUDI. THE MEMBERS OF THE DELEGATION ARRIVED AT THE CASA PRESIDENCIAL ACCOMPANIED BY THE AMBASSADOR OF THE UNITED STATES IN EL SALVADOR MR. ROBERT WHITE.
THE VISITORS EXPRESSED TO THE JUNTA THE SADNESS, THE CONSTERNATION AND THE POSITION OF THE (#)

TNIFT AND PUBLIC IN THE FACE OF THE VILE ASSASSINATION OF THESE FOUR UNITED STATES CITIZENS. THE SALVADORAN GOVERNING GROUP EXPRESSED ITS COMPREHENSION OF THIS SADNESS AND THIS POSITION. THEY ADDED THAT THE REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT REPUDIATES AND CONDEMNS VIOLENCE AND THE IRRATIONAL CRIMES THAT IT GENERATES.
JUNTA MEMBERS REITERATED TO THE SPECIAL ENVOYS THE CONDOLENCES OF THE GOVERNMENT AND THE SALVADORAN PEOPLE FOR THE INFAMOUS MURDERS OF THE NORTH AMERICAN RELIGIOUS AND MISSIONARY, AND ADDED THAT THEY WERE SYMPATHETIC WITH THE INDIGNATION OF THE PEOPLE AND GOVERNMENT (#) STATES:
THE GOVERNING GROUP POINTED OUT TO THE VISITORS THAT THE GOVERNMENT IS DISPOSED TO FIND AND PUNISH WITH ALL VIGOR OF THE LAW THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CRIME, AND ALREADY A HIGH LEVEL COMMISSION HAS BEEN NAMED WITH FULL POWER TO INVESTIGATE THE ACT TO ITS END.
THE JUNTA ASKED MEMBERS OF THE NORTH AMERICAN SPECIAL MISSION THAT THEIR GOVERNMENT OFFER A TEAM OF TECHNICAL SPECIALISTS TO COLLABORATE WITH THE SALVADORAN COMMISSION IN ARRIVING AT A QUICK AND SUCCESSFUL RESULT IN THE INVESTIGATIONS.
MEMBERS OF THE JUNTA ALSO EXPRESSED TO THE VISITORS THAT THE REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT WILL GIVE PROTECTION TO NORTH AMERICAN PRIESTS AND NUNS RESIDENT HERE AND ASKED THAT IN ORDER BETTER TO OFFER THIS PROTECTION THE GOVERNMENT BE ADVISED PRIOR TO THE ARRIVAL OF GROUPS OF SUCH PERSONS.
FINALLY THE REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNING JUNTA EXPRESSED TO THE SPECIAL MISSION THAT NO RELIGIOUS PERSECUTION EXISTS NOR WILL EXIST UNDER THIS GOVERNMENT.
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